

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING
MASSAGE THERAPISTS AND BODYWORKERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT: Secretary Marlene Cummings (portion of meeting), Claude J. Gagnon, Marcia R. Koehler, Susan Irene Frolik, Michael Carey, Dena Mae Schacht, Vlad Thomas, Robert Myran, John T. Botsford

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Fayne Diegel, Joann Griffin

MEMBERS ABSENT: W. Kent Bergstrom, Nancy J. Knapp

LEGAL COUNSEL: William A. Black

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly M. L. Nania, Ph.D., Director, Bureau of Health Service Professions; Karen Rude-Evans, Program Assistant 3; Myra Shelton, Executive Assistant (portion of meeting)

CALL TO ORDER

Kimberly Nania called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: John Botsford moved, seconded by Marcia Koehler, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: John Botsford moved, seconded by Robert Myran, to approve the minutes of June 1, 1999 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY CUMMINGS

Secretary Cummings introduced Bill Conway, the new Deputy Secretary. Mr. Conway said he looks forward to working with the Committee.

There are some discrepancies with terminology on the national exams. The Department needs to ensure that all students have the opportunity to take a national exam that meets the requirements for registration.

The massage therapy curriculum at MATC has been submitted for approval as a program. Until now, the massage therapy curriculum has been considered a series of courses and not a recognized program.

SUMMARY REPORTS OF PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

These reports were informational only.

REVIEW OF ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 237

This legislation allows the Department to approve courses of instruction, and was passed on March 7, 2000. The legislation will become law when signed by Governor Thompson.

CLARIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION

William Black clarified some of the requirements for registration. National Certification is not required for Wisconsin Registration. Reciprocal registrations may be granted to individuals who hold a “similar” license in another jurisdiction. The Department needs to make sure that the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB) allows all Wisconsin students to take the National Certification Exam for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCETMB). The Department is currently dialoging with NCBTMB with the goal of entering into a memorandum of understanding.

DISCUSSION OF BROCHURE

Myra Shelton said she will review the brochure with William Black. Committee members should fax their comments and changes to Myra Shelton within the week.

COMMISSION ON MASSAGE THERAPY ACCREDITATION UPDATE ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY COMTA

This item was informational only.

2000 MEETING DATES

This was informational.

OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Robert Myran informed the Committee that the city of La Crosse is still licensing massage therapists.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: John Botsford moved, seconded by Claude Gagnon, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

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